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Thirty-sixth Spring Session held with the church at Running Greek, Stanly county, N. C. on Saturday before first Sunday in in May 1920. Also of the Eighty-Ninth Annual or Fall Session held with the church at High Hill, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in October 1920.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

PROCEEDINGS, SPRING SESSION 1920.

Running Creek, Stanly County, N. C.

May 1, 1920.

Assembled around the stand in the grove at 11 o'-clock A. M. Introductory sermon jreached by Elder W. C. Edwards. Text 6th verse of 9th chapter Isaiah.

Intermission one hour.

Then ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Song and prayer service conducted by Elder M. L. Riner, a visiting minister from Georgia. Elder Mills, the moderator, then resumed the chair and proceeded in usual order.

1. Called for the letters from the several sister churches. These were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, the reading Clerk.

2. Elected Elder J. F. MillsModerator, and Elder W. C. Edwards assistant or vice moderator, and re elected J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from Sister associations to seats. None present.

4. Invited visiting brothers from Sister associations to seats. Elder Sam McMillon, of Abbotts Creek, Elder J. E. Adams, of Little River, Elder J. R. Wilson, of Danville, Va., and Elders M. L. Riner and C. A. McCorkle, of Georgia, were present, welcomed and seated.

5. Appointed the following brethren on arrangement committee, to report Monday morning to wit:

Elders W. C. Edwards. H. M. Williams, Brother H. M. Baucom, with Moderator and Clerk.

6 That several churches sent up complaint against Elder T. M. Standly in his disorder, and as most of his churches failed to represent as usual by letter and messengers, and the complaints constitute non-fellowship; therefore, the letters of complaint were referred to arrangement committee to investigate and report their findings Monday morning.

7. That Elders J. E. Adams, M. L. Riner, Samuel McMillon and J. R. Wilson preach at the stand to-

morrow.

Service to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

8. Adjournment to 9:30 Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

SUNDAY, MAY 2.

Service commenced at time appointed. Preaching first by Elder J. E. Adams—Text, 6th and 7th verses of 12th chapter of Revelations; second by Elder M. L. Riner—text, "The Lord established His Church upon the top of the Mountain."

Intermission, one hour at noon.

Third sermon preached by Elder Sam McMillon—Text, 8th verse of 9th chapter of Matthew. Closed by Elder J. R. Wilson,—Text 34th and 35th verses of 4th chapter of Daniel.

The preaching was in power and demonstration of the holy Spirit.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 3.

Convened in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder J. R. Wilson. Then the moderator resumed the chair and proceeded.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

11. That after the best possible investigation of the reports and complaints of disorder against Elder T. M. Standly, and since he has refused to lay down his gift, after being repeatedly advised to do so, by several brethren at different times, but still persists in pursuing a course that has certainly caused dissension, confusion and divisions in several of our sister churches; therefore, the association declares non-fellowship for him in such disorder.

12. That Elder B. L. Treece and the other messengers from Mountain Creek named in their letter be seated and recognized as the church at Mountain Creek.

13. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Brother J. F. Burrus reported that he and brother J. W. Jones attended the Salem associa-

tion as appointed and were received and had good meeting. Also Elder H. M. Williams attended Salem. Elder W. C. Edwards attended the Mill Branch association and was received. At this session we received and distributed minutes from Senter, Abbott's Creek, and Salem associations.

14. Called on messengers from sister associations to report. None present. We had as visitors, besides the ministers before mentioned, Brothers T. H. Bentley, of Silver Creek; T. J. Greer, of Salem; H. E. Walser, Pink Broadaway and C. B. Owen, of Abbott's Creek.

15. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder W. C. Edwards reported that himself and Elders J. F. Mills and Henry Taylor formed a Presbytery on Friday before 4th Sunday in October, 1919, at High Hill church, and ordained brother D. S. Jones to the work of the ministry.

16. That we return thanks to God, and the brethren, sisters and good friends of the community for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

17. Adjourned in order to time and place mentioned in our last minute. Benediction by the Moderator.

Elders J. E. Adams and J. R. Wilson preached at the stand while the association was in session in the house.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator,
ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Vice Moderator,
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1920.

Albemarle—Not represented.
Bear Creek—Not represented.
Bethany—Represented by letter.
Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, E. S. Huneycutt*, J. J. Huneycutt*.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms,
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker, R. M. Hatley.
Crooked Creek—W, D. Benton, D. A. Simpson, H. E. Rowell.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, D. P. Dunn.
Freedom—Not represented.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, W. M. Clontze, C. A. Helms.
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, John Smith, J. P. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble, R. B. Burrus.
Gerusalem—W. H. Curlee, T. F. Mills, Sandy Brewer.
Jones Hill—Henry Howard, Jonah Morton, Walter Greene.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, J. B. Whitley, Edmond Privitt*.
Liberty Hill—Not represented.
Lawyers Springs—J. W. Jones, C. B. Edwards, H. M. Baucom,
Meadow Creek—Not represented.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller, W. R. Morton,
New Zion—W. A. Helms.
Pleasant Grove—E. Mullis, L. L. Griffin, Hiram Godwin.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, J. M. Hartsell, H. P. Cashion*.
Philadelphia—Not represented.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, W. H. Hatley, J. D. Eurey,
Union Grove—T. A. McClellan, T. F. Hill, L. W. Medlin.
Watson—W. A, Hargett, E. C. Williams, Troy Simpson.
Absentees, marked thus (*).

MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION, 1920.

Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, Jason Endy, J. A. Barbee.
Bethany—By letter and contribution.
Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, E. S. Huneycutt.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms,
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker.
Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, L. L. Little, H. E. Rowell
Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn*, C. R. McLendon.
High Hill—Elder D. S. Jones. J. J. Hill, W. M. Clontz.
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, Lonnie Thomas, J. P. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—Thomas Howard, M. F. Coble, P. A. Howard.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, E. W. Helms, Fulton Curlee.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, A. A. Morton, Jonah Morton.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, J. B. Whitley, Oscar Broom.
Liberty Hill—J. T. Triscoe, J. C. Morton*.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, W. A. Dry.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller, Willie Morton.
New Zion—W. A. Helms, Willie Coley. S. M. Underwood*.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, A. M. Helms, E. Mullis.
Pleasant Hill—E. J. Liles, J. M. Stamper*, J. M. Hartsell*.
Philadelphia—F. N, Gardner, Julius Beam, Foster Beam.
Running Creek—J. D Huneycutt, J. D. Enrey, R. F. Almond*.
Union Grove—S. D. Outen. F. L. Baucom A. E. Little.
Watson—Troy Simpson. W. A. Hargett, E. C. Williams.
Absentees marked thus (*).

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

FALL SESSION, 1920.

High Hill, Union County, N. C.
October 2, 1920.

Assembled at the stand in the grove at 11 A. M., and Introductory sermon delivered by Elder A. G. Morton, from 21st verse of first chapter of St Matthew.

Intermission one hour.

Then convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder D. G. Staples, a visitor. Elder Mills then took the chair and proceeded in our usual order.

1. Called for the letters from our several churches. These were handed in and read by brother H. M. Baucom, reading clerk.

2. Elected Elder Walter C. Edwards Moderator with Elder J. F. Mills vice moderator. and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited visiting corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder Sam McMillon present from Abbott's Creek and seated; also Elder Gallemore. Elder J. A. Cave present from Senter and seated. Minutes from Abbott's Creek, Mountain District and Silver Creek, W. A. Bentley, J. R. Moore, S. W. Young and T. H. Bentley, of Silver Creek, present and seated, also brother B. F. Harrilson of Mill Branch.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. The following were present, welcomed and seated: from Fisher's River. Elder J. W. Royal; from Chattanooga, Tenn., Elder R. O. Raulston; from Prince William Association, of South Carolina, Elder J. W. Anderson and brother J. T. Rivers; from Mayo Association, Elder D. G. Staples; from Abbott's Creek, Brothers S. D. McMillon and Pink Broadaway; from Salem, Elder A. G. Morton and Brother T. J. Greer; from Upper Country Line, Elder O. J. Denny.

5. Appointed on arrangement committee, Elder B. L. Treece and Brothers J. J. Hill and W. A. Helms, with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed on Finance committee, Brothers H. M. Baucom and P. A. Howard.

7. By request of the association, the moderator and clerk acted as committee on preaching for Sunday and Monday. They selected for Sunday Elders R. O. Raulston, J. W. Anderson and O. J. Denny for forenoon, Elders D. G. Staples and J. M. Royal afternoon. For Monday Elders J. A. Cave, W. R. Gallemore and Sam McMillon.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning. Benediction by Elder Mills.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3.

Assembled around the stand at 10 A. M., and preaching by ministers as arranged. First by Elder R. O. Raulston, from 21st verse of 5th chapter St John, followed by Elder J. W. Anderson, from 39th verse of second chapter of Acts, then followed Elder O. J. Denny, from last verse of 54th chapter of Isaiah.

Recessed one hour for dinner.

Then Elder D. G. Staples preached from 18th and 19th verses of 1st chapter St. Peter, followed by Elder J. M. Royal, who started out by repeating this scripture, "It is by the grace of God that I am what I am."

There were present a vast concourse of people and the preaching was sound, well delivered and very soul cheering. The behavior was so attentive and good that in closing the moderator thanked and complimented such commendable conduct by the congregation present.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 4.

Reconvened pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Cave, a visitor.

9. Called for report from arrangement committee, report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read rules of decorum.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder W. R. Helms reported that himself and Elder H. M. Williams attended the Silver Creek association and had good meeting. Elder Mills and others attended Abbott's Creek and were received.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Brother J. R. Moore reported

that peace abounded in Silver Creek.

13. Called on Presbyteries to report.

Elder W. R. Helms reported that himself and some brother deacons formed a Presbytery at Bear Creek on Saturday before first Sunday in August 1920 and ordained brother J. A. Barbee a deacon for that church. Also Elder B. L. Treece reported that himself and Elder W. R. Helms and some brother deacons formed a Presbytery at Mountain Creek on 13th day of August 1920 and ordained brother J. C. Miller a deacon for that church. Then Elder J. F. Mills reported that himself and Elder Sam McMillon formed a Presbytery at Watson, on Friday before second Sunday in August 1920 and ordained brother Troy Simpson a deacon for that church.

14. That we open correspondence by sending minutes and messengers, when convenient, with the Nolachuckey Primitive Baptist Association of Tennessee, and continue correspondence as usual with other sister associations.

15. That the brethren from Liberty Hill and Meadow Creek who are here with letters be and they are recognized by this association as being the true and orderly body or church at Liberty Hill and Meadow Creek.

16. We now withdraw from our roll of sister churches, "Albemarle" and Freedom".

17. The association orders the following published in these minutes:

With regret, in our Spring Session last May, at Running Creek, this association found that Elder T. M. Standly had brought strife and division among a number of our churches and that his attitude and conduct toward those who disagreed with him had been very stubborn, over bearing and unbrotherly and that to such degree, as to destroy fellowship and peace. The Association then deemed him in gross disorder, and withdrew from him in such course. Since then he has continued his efforts to divide the Primitive Baptists of our Association into a separate party in his disorder, and since the churches in order who are members of this Union of churches have considered him and his followers, and become fully convinced of his and their disorder, and have sent in letters to this session declaring non-fellowship

for him and his followers; therefore the association now pronounces Elder Standly and his followers in disorder and declares non-fellowship for them.

18. The association advises our churches to receive and recognize the members of the divided churches, who desire fellowship or membership in our orderly churches, provided they were members in good standing in their church before disorder existed and that they give the church satisfaction as to their conduct since that time.

19. Called on Treasurer to report—Report showed $1.40 deficit after expenses and allowances were paid last year.

20. Called on finance committee to report—They reported sent up this year for minutes and associational purposes -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --$107.35
Due Treasurer from last year -- -- -- 1.40

Available Fund -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 105.95
Given to ministers of this fund -- -- -- 49.00

In Treasury at close of meeting -- -- -- 56.95

21. That our next Spring Session be held with the church at Jones Hill, Stanly County, N. C. (near Oakboro) commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May 1921 and that Elder W. C. Edwards preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Mills alternate, Service 11 A. M. and that the annual or Fall Session be held with the church at Philadelphia, Rutherford county, N. C. (near Ellenboro) and commence on Saturday before first Sunday in October 1921 and that Elder B. L. Treece preach the Introductory sermon—Elder Henry Taylor alternate. Service at 11 A. M.

22. Appointed correspondents with Sister Associations as follows—To Abbotts Creek: Elder H. M. Williams, brother J. F. Burrus and minutes. To Mill Branch: Elders J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams and brothers Calvin Mills and J. F. Burrus and file of minutes. To Salem: Elder H. M. Williams, brother J. F. Burrus and minutes. To Senter: File of minutes. To Silver Creek: Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams, Foster Beam, J. F. Burrus and minutes. To Mountain District: File of minutes.

To Nolachuckey of Tennessee: File of minutes.

23. That the clerk serve as treasurer and have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed and have ten dollars for his services.

24. That we return thanks to God and High Hill church and all brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kindness and hospitality to us during this meeting.

25. Adjourned in order to times and places above mentioned in these minutes, after the following was read in open and approved and ordered printed. Short, but very feeling and appropriate prayer by the moderator.

Elders J. W. Anderson, D. G. Staples and R. O. Raulston preached at the Saturday evening services and on Monday the preaching service at the stand was conducted by Elders J. A. Cave, W. R. Gallemore and Samuel McMillon. This was a pleasant and good meeting, all in peace, union and Sweet Christian fellowship.

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator,
Wingate, N. C.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Vice Moderator,
Marshville, N. C.

J. W. JONES, CLERK and Treasurer,
Peachland, N. C., R. No. 2

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1920.

CHURCHES	Experience and Baptism	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution for Minutes and other expense
Bear Creek			1		4	2	18	$ 3.00
Bethany							3	1.00
Brooms Grove					2		5	1.00
Concord	1			1	2	1	18	2.00
Clarks Grove	1				3		16	2.00
Crooked Creek	3				1		28	5.00
Flat Lake							9	3.10
High Hill				1		1	29	10.00
High Ridge	5					2	27	4.60
Howards Chapel					2		25	3.00
Jerusalem	1	1		1			27	6.00
Jones Hill	1						25	3.25
Liberty			1		1	1	18	2.80
Liberty Hill							10	4.00
Lawyers Spring				1			39	10.00
Meadow Creek							11	2.00
Mountain Creek							9	2.50
New Zion			3			1	12	2.50
Pleasant Grove	1	3	1		1	1	36	12.70
Pleasant Hill							22	3.00
Philadelphia							13	2.40
Running Creek	2				3	1	21	4.00
Union Grove	2	1				1	33	11.25
Watson	1		1				17	6.25
TOTALS	18	5	7	4	19	11	471	107.35

CHURCHES. CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1920.

	Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, Route 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1st August
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, R. A, Wadesboro, N. C.,	3rd August
Brooms Grove—J. P. Huneycutt, Monroe, N. C.,	4th Sept.
Concord—M. A. Helms, Chestnut St., Kanapolis, N. C.	1st Sept.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, Route 2, Stanfield, N. C.	2nd July
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, Route 1, Indian Trail, N. C.	3rd July
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, Route 1, Mt Gilead, N. C.	
High Hill—D. S. Jones, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.,	1st September
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.,	3rd July
Howards Chapel—J. A. Hinson, Aquadale, N. C.,	1st September
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Route 2, Marshville, N C.	2nd August
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C.	3rd September
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Monroe, N. C.	
Liberty Hill—	4th July
Lawyers Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	1st August
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, R. 7, Salisbury, N. C.,	3rd August
Mountain Creek—B. L. Treece, Albemarle N. C.,	4th September
New Zion—A. W. Helms. Route 7, Concord, N. C.	2nd September
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.	2nd July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Route 2, Barber, N. C.	4th June
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C.	4th August
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, Route, Mt Pleasant, N. C.	2nd Aug.
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, Route 2, Monroe N. C.	2nd September
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Route 2, Unionville, N. C.,	4th May

NAMES AND ADDRESS OR ORDAINED MINISTERS, 1920.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder D. S. Jones, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1920

Sent up by the churches this year	$107.35
Deficit from last year	1.40
Available	$105.95
Distributed to ministers	49.95
Left in hands of Treasurer	56.95

DISBURSMENTS.

For printing and mailing minutes	$48.50
Allowance for Clerk's servise	10.00
Total expense	$58.50
Due Clerk	$1.55

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st, A Moderator, of Chief Speaker, and Clerk way be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker. or Moderator. shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned. and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order. and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections. but shall fairly give his own views of the case wthout sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker. or Moderator. shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished. except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the

imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Form of Government (or Constitution) of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptise Asso.

Which was adopted in the date of A. D. 1832, and has been in vogue ever since.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members duly chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to a seat.

2nd. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3rd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Bear Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power to infringe on the internal rights of the church, nevertheless in some cases, it becomes necessary to have some uniform rule of proceeding, vis: When an offense may be committed by one church against another, we advise the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fail of success, she may call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labors, and, if finally, satisfaction in the opinion of the helps cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, whose duty it shall be to act on it; and also, when any serious difference may arise, in any individual church, which they all, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, we advise the church then to call in the aid of one or more churches in the union to assist in the work; and, if no satisfaction can be had, it may be brought before the Association, who shall act on it,

and further to illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had to the 18th chapter of the gospel of Matthew and other Scriptures, which respect discipline for the bringing to trial, and determining on the case of an individual member of an individual church, and the Association will take cognizance of no case of the kind unless the above proceeding be had thereon.

4th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

5th. The Association shall appoint a Chief Speaker, or Moderator, from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum shall be attended to, to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before them; and a Clerk shall be appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to take a correct minute of the proceedings of the Association, keep a regular file of the minutes, who shall be at liberty to choose his assistant.

6th. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegate, or delegates, on examination, if found orthodox and orderly may be received and may be manifested by the Chief Speaker, or Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate, or delegates.

7th. Every church shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall not have more than three members from a church.

8th. Any query presented to the Association by any church in the union shall be read, on which the opinion of the Association shall be taken, whether it be considered, and if there be a maiority for taking it into consideration it shall be examined, otherwise it shall be withdrawn, nevertheless no query except such as relate to the general union, shall be received from any church which has not been deliberately considered in the church in which it originated and which they cannot get satisfaction.

9th. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it

be withdrawn by the person who made it together with his second.

10th The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of their proceedings, and in order to enable them to do it in the most convenient manner, it is recommended that the churches should contribute such sums of money as they think proper and send by their messengers which, when received, shall be put into the hands of the Treasurer appointed for that purpose, and shall be distributed as the Association may direct for the benefit of the churches.

11th. Presbyteries for the purpose of constituting churches or acting in conjunction with the churches, in ordaining ministers, or restoring those whose gifts have been suspended by excommunication of their former functions, shall be composed of two or more ministers of the union.

12th. The Association shall provide for the general union of the churches, preserve a chain of communication among them, give them advice in matters of difficulties, enquire into the cause why any churches fail to represent themselves in the Association, appropriate the money sent by the churches for the Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper or necessary for the benefit of the churches, and appoint any member or members of the Association with his or their consent to transact any business for the benefit of the union which they think proper.

13th. The Association may withdraw from any church or churches that are disorderly in principle or practice.

14th. The Association may, at its sitting, admit any distant brethren, whose principles accord with theirs, to sit with them, who shall be at liberty to discourse upon any question and give light, but not permitted to vote except touching the general union.

15th. All questions should be determined by a majority of members present, except in the reception of churches. which should be unanimous.

16th. Two-thirds of the members form a quorum to do business.

17th. Amendments may be made to this form of gov-

ernment and to this constitution—a majority of members being present.

18th. The minutes of the Association may be read and corrected. if need be, and signed by the Chief Speaker and Clerk.

19th. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.